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Posillipo,
September 9th, 1911.

No.21 Africa.

Sir,

In accordance with the instructions contained in your despatch No.32 Africa of the 16th ultimo I enquired whether the Italian Government would have any objection to Major N.C. Cockburn's party crossing into Eritrea should they have occasion to do so.

In the reply which I have received from them no objection is raised and it is stated that the Governor of the colony is being instructed to give to the party any assistance of which they may stand in need.

The Italian Government at the same time request that Major Cockburn's attention may be called to the game laws in force in Eritrea which will be found on page 51 and subsequent pages of the enclosed collection of Laws decrees etc.

I have the honour to be with the highest respect,
Sir,
your most obedient,
humble servant,

(Signed) R. RODD.

The Right Hon. Sir E.Grey, Bart., M.P.
etc., etc., etc.

(1) Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

War Office,

London, S.W.

4/1388 M.O.-2(a).

30th September, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 26th July last addressed to Major W. Latham Cox requesting that permission may be obtained from the Italian authorities for your party to cross into Eritrea during your shooting expedition, I am directed to inform you that no objection is raised by the Italian Government and that the Governor of the Colony is being instructed to give you any assistance of which you may stand in need.

2. The Italian Government at the same time request that your attention may be called to the game laws in force in Eritrea which will be found on page 51 and subsequent pages of the enclosed collection of laws, decrees, etc.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A G Dallas

Colonel.

General Staff.

Major N.C. Cockburn,
Lincolnshire Yeomanry,
Harmston Hall,
Lincoln.

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The Secretary,
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War Office,

London, S.W.

4/1388 M.O.2(a).

28th October, 1911.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.4/1388 M.O.2(a) dated 30th ultimo with reference to your proposed shooting expedition in the Soudan, I am directed to inform you that a despatch has been received from His Majesty's Ambassador at Rome reporting that he has received a further Note from the Italian Government stating that they have been informed by the Governor of Eritrea that he will afford your party such facilities as are possible in order that during your journey in Italian territory you may meet with no difficulties at the hands of the local authorities, subject to your observance of the game regulations.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. MacDonogh Maj for

Colonel.

General Staff.

Major N.C. Cockburn,
Lincolnshire Yeomanry,
Harmston Hall,
Lincoln.

M. Tabbush
Harnston Hall
Lincoln
England

Dec. 1911 — March. 1912.

Red Sea Province.
Sudan.

Tow n flannelette for guns.
Case for telescopic sight. — Plate lens on backsight. 2 new .350 not carried
Slings which fit swivel — hinged boxes for cartridge
2 camels — solid leather gun cases — canvas ones chafe through.
Pyrethrum powder & spray
Tent 11 ft. by 9 ft. with bathroom — tin bath.
Tin boxes to hold (1). 2 suits of clothes — 1 suit always out.
(2). Shirts, drawers, etc — " " ".
(3). Boots & gum boots. — " " ".
Sight protector for rifles to be fixed on hinge.
Double terai hat; in case helmet goes wrong.
Towels.
Some kind of boots for walking on wet rocks without noise (Lobb.)
Pottmans & Swan for putteesins & tents — all boxes hanged.
Watch case (leather) for belt.
Housewife.
1 magazine .350 — backsight as far away as possible.
1 smaller rifle — .350 too big for small buck — Ross .m. .275.
Alarum clock for camp.
Thick Waterbag for boys.
Tool case with good chisel.
Waterstone.
Piece of canvas heads lens in wet weather — Salt.
2 new cartridge bag & one to carry lunch.

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Waterbuck. (tobus defassa leffleeus.)

33 ½ ins to 27 ¾ ins.

(32 ¾ ins.)

Rudu (stegasicerus capensis chora)

61 ins. to 49 ins. outside curve.
44 ½ ins. to 33 ½ ins. straight.

(40 ins – 31 ins.)

Roan. (hippotragus equinus bakeri.)

37 ¼ ins. to 31 ins.

(29 ½ ins.)

Bushbuck. (tragelaphus scriptus bor.)

15 ⅛ ins. to 11 ½ ins.

Reedbuck. (cervicapra redunca cottoni.)

16 ins. to 12 ¼ ins.

(11 ins.)

Redfronted Gazelle. (gazella rufifrons.)

13 ⅞ ins. to 11 ¾ ins.

(10 ins.)

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Dec 7th

Grosvenor Hotel. London.

Left Normanton at 2.p.m. Dined with Mrs & Miss Watson.

Dec 8th

On train.

Left Victoria at 11. & reached Dover about 1. Had a fairly smooth crossing in a very good boat — the "Lugaduc". Got in the "train de luxe", which goes right through to Marseilles, but my luggage went by the ordinary train. We had taken sleeping berths on it yesterday, but as the "Gascon" was delayed a day by fog, we gave them up & had to take berths today in the "train de luxe" — the other being full up. Heavy rain in the night. Party consists of H.G. Watson & W.H. Lindsay.

Dec 9th

Hotel de Louvre et de la Paix. Marseilles.

Got to Marseilles at 7.15 a.m. & heard that the "Gascon" had been delayed by bad weather & would not get here till 6 a.m. tomorrow, so went to the Hotel de la Paix. L. & I lunched at "La Reserve" — very good — & then walked up to the Church on top of the hill, from which there is a magnificent view. Very cold wind & very bright sun — Egyptian Riviera weather & just the kind to give one a bad chill. Watson has been very seedy since we started & retired to bed for most of the day. I don't advise the "train de luxe" to go to Marseilles in — it gets there very early & in the "Rapide" the drive across Paris is a nice change from sitting in the train. Went to the Alcazar after dinner.

Ibex. (capra nubiana typica.)

(32 ins.) 51 ins. to 38 1/4 ins.

Barbary Sheep. (ovis tertia.)

33 1/4 ins. to 21 ins.

Isabelle gazelle. (gazella isabella.)

(10 3/4 ins.) 11 1/8 ins. to 10 1/8 ins.

Mountain Nyala. (tragelaphus montani.)

39 ins. to 37 ins. outside curve
30 1/2 ins. to 26 1/2 ins. straight.

dec 10th.

S.S. "Jason".

Mediterranean.

Went on board the "Jason" about 11. a left at midday — quite a smooth through a slight roll a very cold,

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S. G. FINANCE FORM N[illegible]

In accordance with the provisions

1.—The holder of this Licence is prohibited from Ground Hornbill (*Bucorax*), or Secretary Bi within a game reserve.

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2.—He is entitled to hunt, kill or capture :—

Animals. 1 Giraffe (subject to the Kassala and Sennar Provinc (*Cobus maria*), 1 Eland (*Tau* (not more than two of which n north of Kodok), 4 Roan Ante Leucoryx, 4 White-eared Cob, be killed or captured elsewhere more than 4 may be killed or c (south of Kodok or Sennar the captured south of Suakin), 2 W not above specified.

Birds. 12 Large Bustards,* 6 C Flamingo, and Ibis.

*A licence holder on a tri every additional month after

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Residence [illegible]

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S. G. Finance Form No 60

GAME LICENCE A.

PROVINCE Red Sea.

SUDAN GOVERNMENT

№ 01205

GRANTED UNDER PRESERVATION OF WILD ANIMALS ORDINANCE 1908.

Price to non-residents £E. 50. £E10. Red Sea Province

Price to Officers and Officials of the Sudan Government, or approved residents £E. 6.

Name Major N.C. Cockburn Description Tourist

Residence Red Sea Province

Is hereby granted a licence during the period of one year from the 21st day of Sept. 1911 to Hunt, Capture, and Kill Wild Animals and Birds not included in Class 1. subject to the provisions, regulations and restrictions of the above mentioned Ordinance and any notice issued thereunder.

Signature of Licensing Officer

~~Superintendent,~~

~~*Game Preservation Department,*~~

Governor. Charles Ew

Province.

Red Sea Province

I agree to conform to the Preservation of Wild Animals Ordinance 1908, and all notices issued thereunder.

Fee Paid £E. 10.

Signature of Licensee N Cockburn

NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Preservation of Wild Animals Ordinance 1908 :—

1.—The holder of this Licence is prohibited from hunting, killing, or capturing any Wild Ass, Zebra, Ostrich, Shoebill *(Balæniceps)*, Ground Hornbill *(Bucorax)*, or Secretary Bird *(Serpentarius)*. and from hunting, killing, or capturing any wild animals or birds within a game reserve.

2.—He is entitled to hunt, kill or capture :—

Animals. 1 Giraffe (subject to the subsequent payment of an additional fee of £E. 20), 1 Rhinoceros (except in the Kassala and Sennar Provinces, in which Rhinoceroses may not be killed or captured), 1 Mrs. Gray's Waterbuck (*Cobus maria*), 1 Eland (*Taurotragus*), 1 Kudu (*Strepsiceros*), 1 Oryx Beisa, 2 Elephants, 3 Buffaloes, 4 Waterbuck (not more than two of which may be killed or captured in the Kassala and Sennar Provinces, and on the White Nile north of Kodok), 4 Roan Antelope (with the same restrictions as to locality), 4 Bushbuck, 4 Tora Hartebeest, 4 Oryx Leucoryx, 4 White-eared Cob, 6 Uganda Cob, 6 Addax, 6 Addra Gazelle, 8 Reedbuck (not more than 4 of which may be killed or captured elsewhere than in the Kassala and Sennar Provinces), 12 Jackson's Hartebeest (of which not more than 4 may be killed or captured elsewhere than in the Bahr el Ghazal Province), 1 Klipspringer, 4 Hippopotami (south of Kodok or Sennar the number of these is not limited), 4 Ibex (of which not more than 2 may be killed or captured south of Suakin), 2 Wild Sheep, 6 Wart Hog,* 6 Tiang,* and 12 of each species of antelope and gazelles not above specified.

Birds. 12 Large Bustards,* 6 Crowned Cranes, 2 of each species of Pelican, Egret, Heron, Stork, Marabout, Spoonbill, Flamingo, and Ibis.

*A licence holder on a trip of more than three months duration may shoot 4 more of each of these for food in every additional month after the first three.

3.—All cow ivory and any elephant tusk weighing less than 10 lbs is liable to be confiscated.

4.—Officers, Officials and Residents obtaining this licence at the £E. 6 rate shall pay a further sum of £E. 10 for each elephant killed under the licence. The killing of Elephants must be reported, and this payment made, at the first opportunity to the Governor of the Province or the Superintendent, Game Preservation Department, Khartoum.

5.—The Licensee is required to keep an account of all Animals killed or captured by him of the species above mentioned (*i.e.* those of which only a limited number may be killed or captured) giving details of their sex and the date when and place where they were captured or killed, and to produce such account when called for by any Officer of the Government, and upon the expiration of his licence or previously to his leaving the Sudan, whichever first happens, to deliver a copy of such account signed by him to the Licensing Officer.

6.—This Licence must be produced when called for by any Officer of the Government.

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Dec 10th.

S.S. "Garcon". Mediterranean.

Went on board the "Garcon" about 11. & left at midday — quite smooth through a slight roll & very cold.

Very disappointed with the ship as I had always been told that the "Union-Castle" boats were so good — this one has the smallest cabins I had ever seen on any decent steamer & she is very much overcrowded — two sets of meals each day & the last to dine at 6,30!!! Not many people on board I know — Capt. Greenwood. R.N.R. & his wife Steward — Stewardess.

Dec 11th.

"S.S. Garcon". Mediterranean.

Run = 234.

The ship rolled a good deal in the night, but it got smooth again about 8.a.m. when we passed through the Straits. Land in sight most of the day. Rough again about 10.p.m. & very heavy showers of rain. The "Garcon" is 6300 tons & I should say a very old boat.

Dec 12th.

S.S. "Garcon". Naples.

Run = 218.

Got to Naples about 8.a.m. & anchored just inside the Mole. Walton, Kempthorne, L. & I went ashore about 10,30 & paid the usual visit to the Museum & saw all the things dug out of Pompei. Left at 4.p.m. & very soon after we got outside, the boat developed a most awful roll — it got better about 8.p.m. but made things very unpleasant. She must be a bad sea boat.

Dec 13th.
S.S. "Jason". Mediterranean.
Run = 212. A lovely morning. Got into the Straits of Messina about 8. a.m. A beautiful view of Etna as we passed out of them — covered with snow quite low down. Very smooth & a hot sun so that one could sit on deck without a coat.
They say this ship does not coal between Southampton & Aden — hence her very slow pace.

Dec 14th.
S.S. "Jason". Mediterranean.
Run = 280.
A lovely morning & almost too hot in the sun — sea quite smooth. Turned very cold at night.

Dec 15th.
S.S. "Jason". Mediterranean.
Run = 270.
A beautiful warm morning & quite smooth, but in the afternoon it turned very chilly indeed & people put on great-coats again.

Dec 16th
S.S. "Jason". Port Said.
Run = 262.
A cool cloudy morning & quite smooth.
Passed the "Paris Brooks Jantle" about 4. p.m. & anchored at Port Said at 7. p.m. Had the usual farce of a medical inspection & then went ashore & bought the usual helmet-from Simon Artz & some cigarettes from Vafiadis — nothing else in the place worth buying.

Dec 17th.

S.S. "Gascon". Suez.

left Port Said about 2. a.m. Sat were stopped for about 2 hrs by a mist & then had to lie up in the canal from 8 to 10. Passed very few ships — I think more than the canal do empty. Bright sun but a cold wind. Got to Suez & anchored about 6.30. p.m. & left at 9.

Dec 18th.

S.S. "Gascon". Red Sea.

Run = 199.

Began to get warm today & in the afternoon was unpleasantly hot.

Dec 19th.

S.S. "Gascon". Red Sea.

Run = 272.

A very cool morning, but as usual it got hotter towards evening.

Dec 20th.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Blowing quite hard. Got to Port Sudan about 1. p.m. & had up to the wharf. Had very little trouble with the Customs — W. excepted — & got our baggage ferried across the harbour to the hotel — unfinished now, but will be very comfortable when completed. Talked on the Governor — Kerr — & also dined with him. Rifles, ammunition, & camp & gun properly seem all here. But unluckily owing to heavy rains, the railway to Khartoum has in places been washed away & no trains are running just now. Quite cool here. I am afraid W. is going to find Khartoum very hot — he drinks an awful lot & talks the most maudlin nonsense afterwards.

Dec 21st.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Busy all the morning with Kerr who arranged every thing for our trip & took endless trouble. Went to the Banks & to Governate's & found all our stores arranged & almost ready to go — they certainly are very quick. L. found nearly all his cases but had been left behind & that he had got just a few only. W. found most of his cartridges had not been taken off the "Gascon". W. after dinner decided to go home..!!! A delightfully cool day & in the evening. W. had two men to dinner & he & one of them got hilarious & then very depressed — hence the idea of returning home.

Dec 22nd.

Hotel Port Sudan.

W. not up till 10 o'clock. so L. & I busy all the morning settling up with Gellatly, Hankey & Co, the Banks & Governate the Letter's Bill came to £82. A very strong wind from the N. & quite cool, but the dust-wind looks awful & they say the Wind will last two days more. Our headman & the cheap boys, etc, left for Suakin by the early train with the idea of getting the camel loads made up before we get there tomorrow. Sent a cable to Captain Fioccardi at Asmara (Eritrea) saying we were going to Massowa & hoped he would send us licences — it cost over £4. Apparently the licences cost 80 francs each, but we cannot make out how much we can shoot. The flies are a terrible nuisance here now, but they say there are none later.

Dec 23rd.

1st March.

Went by 7.a.m. train to Quakem arriving at 11. — just two hours late. Passed through a barren, flat country dotted with scrub with the sea just in sight to the W. & high mountains to the E. When we arrived at Quakem we found none of our camels had gone on yesterday as they were ordered, but their loads were ready & they soon got off. We lunched at a store in the town — most of it is built on a narrow spit of land running into the sea & is not inviting — & eventually left at 2. We had 6 riding camels & very body said they were very beastly conveyances — at a walk they certainly are & lurch one backwards & forwards owing to their very long stride; but when they jog — or shuffle — they are not so uncomfortable. One has a seat over their nose & they were led by another man on a camel by a string through their nostril. Rode through a scrubby country — at first very sandy but afterwards quite green — & reached camp — we carried water — at 4,30. All our tents had been unpacked & mixed up before we arrived & there was hopeless confusion for a long time. However we got the tents up & most things more or less arranged before it got quite dark, but half the things were left scattered about. My tent — 9ft by 7ft — is uncomfortably small & has a very short fly. There is nothing a great nuisance attracted by the light in one's tent. Several chop boxes broken.

Carried water today in very good iron tanks — very strong & practically unbreakable — very different to the ones I took to Redoy.

Our men are all "Fungus" from near Quakem — The Sheikh is our head man & seems a very good man.

W. picked up a dog at Port Sudan, but at the station, it was claimed by its owner!!! However he kept it to W. for 2 months.

Water.

Dec 24th.
2nd March.

Up soon after 6 & had a busy time packing up — Ittore camel men seem to have no method & at night throw down their loads anywhere, consequently there is great confusion in the morning as no one seems to know where his load is. Sunday & 3 started to walk about 7,30, but our camels did not catch us up till nearly 11, so we had a long cold walk. It appears the baggage camels did not get off till 8,30. We went between the hills & the sea along a bushy country which in places got quite open — at first grassy but afterwards sandy. Stopped for an hour at 12,30 for lunch — the riding camels were unloaded & the men fed, which caused a long & most unnecessary delay — & then walked into camp at 2.30. W. fired a lot of cartridges at gazelle with no result — saw no ariel. Small flies a great nuisance. Quite a cool day.

Dec 25th.
3rd March. Kor Telarak.

Called late & as there was the usual delay in getting the camels together after the loads had been made up. The camels did not all get started till 8.30. Passed through a bushy country, at first stony & then sandy, till midday, when we lunched. Camped at & about 20 mins. from a pool of water. The plain between the hills & the sea gets wider here! Slight showers. Rain early & dull & cool. L. got an Isabelline gazelle with his .220 rifle & W. & I tried to get an Ariel gazelle, but he was very wild & we could not get near him — saw very little game. A miserable country — nothing but bushes, stones & sand.
Had some Whiskey tonight for the first time — W. drank quite half a bottle, besides beer, & became maudlin after dinner & said he was going home from Aden.

After my experiences of carriers in East Africa where everything is done in a most orderly & punctual manner, the ways of these chaps almost drove one mad.

They had no idea of method or punctuality at all & hated starting early or marching in the middle of the day when they liked to sleep.

Their one idea seemed to charge as much as they possibly could & in return do as little work as possible.

They were full of tricks & dodges & talk till we got into some difficulty & then were absolutely helpless & just sat down & did nothing.

Dec 26th.

4th March. near Dokar.

Called at 5, 30. a.m. Dat- though we had finished Breakfast at 6, 15; the camels did not get off till 8. a. & I walked on for 2½ hours — till the riding camels with W. caught us up — over a flat sandy plain — neither sea nor hills visible now — with patches of scrubby grass in places. Impossible to imagine a more desolate & barren country & we only saw one gazelle & one ariel all day. About 11 we got on to quite a different soil — the sand giving way to a sort of baked clay. As it began to rain pretty sharply, this very soon got greasy & we had to get off & walk through a flat country even more desolate than that further on, as all the bushes were dead or dying. Launched at 12. & waited for the baggage camels to come up, which they did at 1, 30. We walked on with them to look for a camping ground but the country now became a sort of Quagmire — there must have been very heavy rain here — & we waded about with pounds of clay on our feet. It looked as if we should have to go on to Dokar. But about 3. 30 We found some slightly rising ground & managed to pitch our tents on more or less dry spot surrounded by patches of dead bushes — about as dismal a camp as I have ever seen. A dull cold day with rain enough to soak one through in the morning. W. cross & to bed as soon as we camped. A hard day for the camels. Two more actually fell down in the mud.

No water

The water about here has a most excellent aperient effect.

Water at Dokar (Well.)

The ladies' virgin at Dokar is either a pair of horns or an empty bottle hung outside their houses.

Dec 27th

5th March. Beyond Dokar.

A dull, cold & drizzly morning & baggage camels not off till 8,30. Passed through the same desolate country till within a few miles of Dokar, where there were immense fields of cotton stretching as far as one could see. Just before entering Dokar we met an Englishman — an official looking after the cotton. We took us to the Mamour — a very nice Egyptian — She gave us guides & wrote letters for us to give to the various Sheikhs en route to Kitten. A note from Kerr saying that Captain Ficcardi wanted to know how many & what animals we wanted to kill — the 40 franc licence only allows one to kill "small game". Afterwards went shopping in the town — the usual collection of mud huts but wide streets. Started again at 12,30 & rode through about 6 miles of cotton — the country gradually getting sandier & sandier & at length becoming desert — thank goodness we have seen the last of the greasy cotton soil. This rain said to be "most unusual!"

Dec 28th

6th March. near Akeik.

An awful night — about 10 p.m. a lot of midges came into my tent & so worried & bit me that I could not get to sleep — in the morning, found I was a mass of bites.
Breakfast at 6 & induced the men to collect the camels last night, so actually got off at 7,15: marched over a most dreary country, occasionally with bushes scattered about. Then a patch of bare sand & at the end of the march chiefly grass with a lot of cattle. Baggage camels straggled at 3 letter from Capt & we sent the policeman in with letters to the Mamour. Occasional showers during the day & quite hot: saw no game at all.

Water.

Killed one Isabella geyelle.

Water (stream.)

One Isabella geyelle kil-, Cutnot-got-

Dec 29th

7th March. Past Akeik

A deluge of rain in the night & all the tents more or less flooded, so waited till the sun dried things more or less & consequently the baggage camels did not get off till 9.a.m. Went through a hilly grassy country till near Akeik — a fort & some mud huts on a spit of sand with not a tree of any sort within miles. Met a guide sent by the Mudir & paid off our guides / Bota Abdi gemir / from Dokar & went along a hilly flat-plain between the hills & the sea — gradually approaching a very hilly rocky country with high mountains in the distance — the hills being thinly covered with bushes & grass. Saw a gazelle after lunch & proceeded to stalk him, but-Ganesh — H.'s dog — put him up & ran him away from me, but he turned back & galloped past me about 60 yds away & I put him in the launch & shouted it to bits — a small male. Our camp at 4 & H. got two gazelle & I. one hare.

Dec 30th

8th March. near Gheleb

Breakfast at 6, but as usual the camels were not loaded up till 8. Sheikh Ali went back to Suakim. Marched along a valley gradually narrowing into low rocky hilly hills & then along a river bed, which was very bad going, into a wide grassy valley. Had a go at any Isabelle gazelle with H.'s rifle & hit it, but after a long chase, it got away in some very broken country. The hills got higher, but still bushy, so we went on & we camped in a desolate looking valley near a running stream. 4. A lot of people & cattle about, & the prospect for trade does not look promising. Sent letter to the Sheikh of Gheleb. A good many guinea fowl about. Passed a great many walled-in graves — some with flat stones on the top.

Water (stream)

Killed one Balloon.

dec 31st

9th march. Past Yakelele.

Off late, as we had to interview the Inamour of Yakelele — a nice fat Arab — who got us guides & men to go & look for kudu. Off about 9 & marched South up a running stream first over a very pretty hilly place & then along a narrow gorge between the usual low hilly hills. Saw some baboons & N. got two & I got one. The natives say they are very savage & attack sheep & occasionally single men. Camped in a Wadish Valley about 1 & the natives went out to locate kudu. Quite cool in the afternoon, but the flies are an intolerable nuisance. The country is becoming much wilder & prettier & the mountains in front look much higher than any we have yet seen & there seem to be no inhabitants! The Inamour brought us a live jackal — tied mouth & legs — which had been caught in a trap — we at once killed it. Clouds down on the tops of the hills.

Set a trap lantern by the Inamour of Yakelele tonight & about 10 o'clock a hyaena got in — it was baited with the carcases of the baboons we shot — & I got up & shot it.

A very black, damp, sticky & enervating climate is, judging by the green grass everywhere, even on the hills, there must be a lot of rain — it is nearly always cloudy. Under the sun shines, very thing gets damp & rifles rust in cases. There is less game in this country than in any part of Africa I have been to. Why, I cannot understand, as there is any amount of grass even on the very tops of the hills & in the valleys the feed is extraordinarily good.

Millions of flies & as soon as they cease from troubling, thousands of very big moths take their place.

Water (stream).

xxx These wild pigs were quite different to any I have seen before – they were of a reddish yellow colour & appeared – at least the old one did – I always saw a litter with apparently a sow only with it – much bigger than the ordinary wart hog.
I could see no tusks to speak of & they had a long narrow nose with a square end to it.
The ones I saw on the 5th Jan. had one with a big fringe of hair on its neck but the mist was so thick that it was hard to see distinctly. They were very shy & always & on Jan 6th looked darker than the others I saw. But they may have been owing to the rain.

1912.

Jan 1st.

On camp. Past Gkeleb.

A wet night & raining when we were called at 5, 15 & at day break, the clouds were down in the valley, so we did not start till 9, when they lifted a little. I went E. & had a stiff climb up a hill with scattered bushes & in places a lot of grass & of course well covered with rocks on which my nailed boots made a bad noise. However every thing is too wet early to wear rubber-soled boots. We gradually ascended — spying the country down below as we went — till we got into the mist; but saw absolutely nothing for any tracks, but in one place the long grass had been pressed down by some animals lying on it. In places the country below seemed very thick with trees & it would be very easy for one to miss a Rudu. Coming down saw about 12 wild pigs of a yellowish colour, but could not get a shot at them! The natives seemed quite keen, but my camel men — Mohamed — seemed very slack & bored with the whole show — hence he said about 10 o'clock that it was no good going on, so we returned to camp & got there about 2, 30. A kind of bee has appeared in camp & stung several of the men & Bailo. I was on the hills.

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From this high got a very fine view of the surrounding country — a mass of rocky hills & valleys more or less covered with grass.

A very muggy sticky heat in the valley, but quite fresh on the hills.

W. & B. saw nothing except three klipspringers & two pig — both saw tracks of Rudu. W. got a bad wart hog.

Water.

Water.

Jan 2nd.

10th March. Ghoteb Nala.

Shifted camp about four miles upstream — S. — & pitched it in a wide & basin with high hills all round. I & G^n^ went all round but saw nothing except tracks & fig. The locals went out to look for kudu, I think I am afraid, there are very few & those on the very tops of the hills. A fair lot of guinea fowl about — but never more than three or four together. A few pools in the stream, but no running water. Found graves scattered about. Tried my "Elkskin" boots, which make very little noise. A dummy afternoon for a change.

The flies here are worse than at any place I have hitherto been to & that is saying a good deal. Alarmed about 4 o'clock by report that a kudu had been seen. Went out & climbed a hill to find it was only a female.

A deluge of rain began about 6 & lasted till 10 — a very cold dinner in consequence — everything wet & uncomfortable.

Jan 3rd.

In camp. Ghoteb Nala.

Clouds right down into the valley, so did not start till 8. Had a hard climb W. to the top — 2 hrs — but the mist was so bad that we could not see 50 yds. Went S. along the top & saw some tracks of kudu — mostly old, but one quite fresh — & waited for a long time for the clouds to lift, which they did not really do till nearly 3.

Back in camp at 4, 30. I got a dik-dik♀ & a rock rabbit. W. had seven shots at a kudu♂ 400 yds away but did not get it — also two shots at some fig. A great many enormous spiders on the hill & some very sweet-scented flowers.

Water.

Water.

Saw some of the red frogs again today.

Jan 4th.

In camp. Ghetebi vala.

Very tired, do not off till after 7. Went W. up the first hill & then across the next valley — en route having to go up & down a very steep chasm with a stream in it — & up the hills on the far side. This was a very tiring march as it was a very hot day & it took me just 4 hrs. Had a fine view from the top of innumerable hills & valleys to the W, that view being eventually closed by a high range of mountains. Caught a glimpse of the flat plain of Akitza. Saw a few fresh tracks of kudu & some pig & a reddish colour — & some klipspringers. Back in camp about 4. W. had got a female kudu — about 31 ins. straight & a dik-dik — not the kudu he shot at yesterday. I. saw nothing.

Jan 5th.

In camp. Ghetebi vala.

Off at 7 & went S.W. Had a very stiff climb to the top — in an atmosphere like a Turkish bath — not a breath of air — which took just 3 hrs. Quite "done cold" when I reached the summit & wet through — flies an awful nuisance too. Just as I got to the highest point, down came the clouds that we went on till we met a "vent" who said he had seen a kudu early — some distance. Quite useless going on in the mist, so waited. A cold rain soon came on & I sat & shivered for 3 mortal hours waiting for it to clear. But it got worse & worse, & at last I was so cold — absolutely drenched to the skin — put with the wind & then with rain — that I went back to camp. Then it was raining hard too. A bad climate. Unless we get some sun tomorrow, our things will never get dry — dry things are quite moist if left out in a tent for a night.

Walter.

Jan 6th.

11th March. W. of Gheleb.

The guide last night said there was a good place for Buda al-Uuda — two days march from Gheleb. It appears that a Captain Playfair shot Buda there some ten years ago !!!

A dull drizzly morning with the clouds right-down in the valley, so, as there was no chance of stalking, we decided to march to Uuda. Baggage camels not off till 9, so d. & I walked nearly three hours before our camels caught us up. Went nearly to Gheleb Village & then turned up a valley to the W. The day got gradually worse & a steady soaking rain set in & in spite of mackintosh, I was soon wet to the skin — two skull & clothes are now wet through & there seems no chance of drying them at-all. Pitched camp about 3. & very thing wet & most uncomfortable — the camel men who have no tents, must have a terrible time, as there no trees to give them any shelter. This rain seems most extraordinary, as I imagined that it never rained in the Red Sea Province — yet here it rains every day. I suppose the hills must draw the clouds & the heavy & continuous rain here. If it continues, I don't know what we shall do, as it is impossible to go on without occasionally getting one's things dry & I have only one dry shirt & things left now.

This is the only trip I have ever made in which I have not taken glorious — I am prepared for wet dry weather & I have never met such continuous rain. Too wet to get any wood to burn, so no fire could be made & we had a very moderate dinner.

Water.

Water (stream.)

Jan 7th.
12th March. N. of Gheleb.

Another wet night - & raining in the morning. Had to put on sopping wet clothes & boots — all my things being soaked. It now appears that Chuda is four days march from here & not one, as the guide said last night — so after a long discussion, we settled to abandon the idea of going there & return to Gheleb & go due E. to the plains to Harrar. The men are in a miserable state as they have no tent & could'nt light a fire last night to cook their food, but it was still raining through it is quite impossible to stalk weather like this. Men tried to cook some food, do not off till 10. Next post - Gheleb & camped at 3 — raining all the time — every thing is now wet & most miserable. Hope to goodness we get some sun soon to dry our clothes but the local guide says the second rains have begun & will last a month!!!! Telegram from Harrar saying we can shoot as many kudu as we like for 110 francs each. A lot of men coughing.

Jan 8th.
13th March. S. of Akela.

A wet night, but the rain stopped early. Again had to put on sopping wet clothes — better than yesterday. It & I as usual walked on & did 2½ hours before our camels caught us up. Marched a little south of the plain by which we entered the hills on Dec 29th — the weather gradually improving & the sun even shining for a few minutes. Got into the plains about midday & then turned from N. to S.E. & camped — camels in at 2.30 — near a running stream under what looks like the southernmost hill. Red Sea looks close to. N. shot two guinea. Our clothes are drying nicely & though it looks like rain in the hills & to the N. it certainly looks better to the S. Found all our matches, flour & rice soaked.

Water.

Killed one gazelle ♂ & missed one ♂.

Water.

Missed 3 gazelle ♂.

Jan 9th

In camp. S. of Akeh.

A fine bright morning & we dried a lot of clothes, but it clouded over about midday & was evidently raining again in the hills. L. & I went out round camp & I got a small Isabella gayelle — they are very wild here. H. left after lunch as he says he is sick of the wet weather — L. & I have decided to go on to Haroucha — in spite of the hopeless weather, he is determined to go on & I don't like to leave him alone, but it is, I am sure, only wasting time. Am having trouble again with my right side. Went out in the evening, but saw nothing. L. got two gayelle — one a good one, just over 10 ins. All our men very anxious to get home again — they are a miserable lot — at least the headmen — very noisy & full of lies when things are right, but utterly useless & miserable when matters are uncomfortable — the camel men are a much better lot.

Jan 10th

14th march. N. of Haroucha.

Joined men as slow loading as usual & L. & I walked nearly 8 hrs before our camels caught us up. Went E. for about a mile through a small pass in the hills & then turned S. over a big absolutely flat plain, at first covered with a few bushes — an occasional kopje — then sandy & finally covered with short grass — stretching to the E. as far as one could see. Some high hills due S. Saw several gayelle at first, but shot disgracefully & missed 3. Turned into the hills to the W. & camped just underneath them at 4. A dull day but no rain & looks fine to the N. Sheman is said to have shot Kudu in the low hills to the W. Not so many moths tonight, but instead my ears & tongue & beetles

Water.

My Dears Sir,
mr L. Lockwn & m.
H. Lindsay Esqure

Sir, I send with Your
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Jan 11th.

15th March. (Spenni hill) Haraeka. (to a back)

Fairly quick & marched up a narrow grassy valley to the post at Haraeka – a collection of huts with a wooden shed for the Inamour's office. We decided as after a talk about Kudu, which, he said, were most plentiful at Gheleb, Ghuda & one other place, he took us across the head of a stream, with a trickle of water through it: to the Italian post – divided from ours by the stream only. It was quite a good building with a tiled roof & we were most courteously received by some native N.C.O's & an Abyssinian, who acted as clerk – the chief of the post was away. They said they had heard about us from Captain Fiorenzoli & we were allowed to shoot Kudu, but he had not the least idea what Kudu were & when he was told they were "Geraida", solemnly shook his head & said his instructions did not say that we were to shoot them, but only Kudu!!! However it did not matter, as we had no time to go into Eritrea. From what we could see & hear, the latter place seems a mass of mountains for miles & miles & would take a good month to explore. We had to drink innumerable cups of coffee there – & later with the Inamour – & then departed – escorted by the Italian people – to the boundary, where they bade us farewell. Had a talk with the Inamour & then departed & marched N.W. into a valley surrounded by hills, where Spenni is said to have got his Kudu last year. Encamped at 4. Bothered by my right ear & very deaf in consequence. The Inamour told us that the Kudu-Gheleb shoot here were March & April – now they never saw the sun & there was much rain. Saw no game.

Water.

One gazelle bit: but not got.

~~Thomsonbeing~~. A letter from the Inamoun J Kuruko addressed to –

Mr H. Lindsay

my dear Sir
I am H. Lindsay Esqre

Lindsay Esquire

Lamb

12/1/912.

Noon.

Lake Inamoun
Taka.

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1 gazelle missed.

Jan 12th.

In camp. Spencer's Hill.

Ready to start at 6,45. But it was 6,15 before the "wild men" turned up & 6,30 by the time my gunbearer was ready — the last straw. Went up "Spencers Hill" — a very bad climb & his wife caught & was hidden in long grass — but saw nothing at all — not even a track of a kudu. Had a very bad descent on the E. side, which is very precipitous & it took me nearly 2½ hours to get down. At the bottom came to camp, & saw a gazelle which I pursued for some time — eventually hit it. But we lost the blood track in the next valley. Very hot & terribly thirsty, & found my gunbearer had given my water bottle to one of the natives, who had vanished!!! Came back to camp & summoned "Darbad" & the headmen & gave them "Shat-fit" generally, as I was much annoyed, & told them very straight what I thought of them. & saw no signs of kudu. Camels & Natives arrived from Kamoun.

Jan 13th.

16th March. E. of Nat-Hallebi.

The row yesterday had a most excellent effect & the men were ready to pack our things before we were up. Consequently the baggage camels got off before 7,30. Marched due E. over a very desolate flat plain — mostly covered with coarse tussky grass but in places bare patches of sand. Passed several isolated Rhafes & got to Nat-Hallebi — the boundary crosses it — about 1,30. It is a low hill & the natives on the plain gave E. We went up it & spied all round for miles, but could see nothing. I had two long shots at gazelle, which I missed — telescopic sight — & one got two. A lot of cattle about. Strong N. wind & heavy showers of rain in the afternoon. Went on 2 hrs past Hallebi — no water or wood.

Valér.

Jan 14th
17th March.

For a wonder no insect-pests last night. Up quite early & marched till 8 about N.W. across the plain towards the most N. E. hill. The plain was generally quite bare & sandy with a few coarse grass — thickly inhabited by cattle & sheep — but by the side of one rock there was some dhurra cultivated. Saw hardly any game except some gazelle & an ariel close to camp. & shot two Grants Gazelle. A boy struck by a camel man. Red sea in sight all day. Perfect climate here today — hot sun & cool breeze. Plains ought to be full of game but they say that in the dry season the grass all dies away — now when it is green there are too many cattle & sheep.

Jan 15th
18th March. Akele.

Marched N.E. through the most N.W. hills & across a bushy plain — very bad going in places — till we came opposite Akele. We then had to make a detour round a swampy piece of ground & eventually reached the place about 12,30. Saw the Inamorar & found — we had heard a rumour last night — that somebody from Massowah had ordered a dhow for us — a very small one. decided to take it over. Akele consists of a few thatched native huts & the Inamorar's house. Which is built of coral stone. There is a small bay protected by a coral reef which has a very narrow entrance. Quite cool & cloudy & they say rather very hot here. The captain & the dhow say it will take two days to Massowah with a fair wind & four days with a foul one. Very fine phosphorescent waves — Especially on the reef.

Jan 16th

Red Sea

On dhow.

Sailed at 6 a.m. But it took a long time to get the camp packed up as all the camel men had gone, & we did not get all on board the dhow till 7. She is a wretched old boat — about 50 ft long with no deck except aft. There there is just room for 4 or 5 & the steersman to sit — our baggage fills the rest. I fear & we have 5 men & she has a crew of 6!!! We poled out towards the reef & when we had nearly got there, discovered that the rudder had been left behind!!! However a small canoe brought it out to us & we eventually got started. We went straight out into the sea with a strong breeze from the S.E. & there were some useful waves. The old tub made an awful job of it — pitched & rolled & wallowed much worse than anything I have ever been in. All our men were sick except the cook & I & I was very queer & horribly uncomfortable, as there was no room to move when. About 2. it got better & at 3 we laid up on a small island covered with stunt vegetation — no trees or bushes. A lot of driftwood on the beach, including a fish box marked "Haight & Co — Grimsby". We dined on the shore & I slept there, but I retired to the dhow & slept fairly well in spite of the cockroaches & smell. The dhow leaks very badly & wants baling out about every three hours. She has two masts & they are just stayed by the halliards & nothing else.

On the most uncomfortable time I have had for a long time & probably all for nothing, as we shall have to wait at Suakim for some time.

Jan 17th

Suakim. Suakim.

Wanted to get off early but there was no wind & when we did start at 6. there was very little & we made hardly any headway for two hours. Then a breeze gradually sprung up & we sailed well till past Suakim. Then turned through a passage in the reef & tied up at the Customs at 4.30. Found everyone away in the King's visit to Suakim & after delivering up our rifles at the Customs, were allowed to land the boat with our baggage & pitch the Rest House. Found this shut up & the soldiers away & eventually had to camp near the Bank in an opening in the houses. Had trouble with an officious Customs man, who refused to allow the wooden cases to be landed in spite of the permission we had got. Eventually Gellatly a Monkey's agent fetched several officials who allowed us to land the cases but put a watchman over them all night.

Suakim is a very tumble down place & even the Governor's house seems full of ruins. There is a long inlet from the sea & it looks as if it might be a fine harbour as it is wonderfully protected.

Hope never to go in a dhow again — D. calls it an "interesting experience"!!! — a more uncomfortable means of travelling, I have never met.

Heavy showers at night again — looks as if we should never get away from the sea!

An official came late in the evening & said he would give us a house tomorrow & a watchman for tonight.

Got some papers at the Post Office, but no letters.

Jan 18th

Suakim.

The Inamour sent two mule carts to convey our tents, etc, to a house which he has given us whilst we are at Suakim — it is an old native house in the town & not uncomfortable. Lofty sort of hall with seats all round it & a small room leading out of it — also a room on the roof. Watson turned up about 10, having marched from where we parted on the 9th — he got 6 dried & several gazelle en route & did much better than we did. Sent a wire to Sheikh Ali, who is said to be at Sinkat; to hurry up as soon as he can. Railway to Port Sudan said to be washed out again. Turkish people have let us have all our things & apologised for keeping them. Watson meant to go today, but missed his train! E.D. to man called in just as we were going to bed & kept us up late.

Jan 19th

Suakim.

Up late & wrote letters — D. & W. fished.
Two men called in the morning — one a Custom official — & had a talk. Went to the Bank but could do nothing till they had wired to Port Sudan. Sheikh Ali came back from Sinkat & is arranging about camels for us at Sheikh Barsa (?) station. W. & I went to see the men who called upon us this morning, but went to the wrong house & were received by a most courteous old Arab, who gave us coffee & as he had been in Suakim for 34 years, was very interesting — he knew Gordon & all the well known people. D. & I fished in the evening & were towed as far as the reef. Not caught nothing! W. left for Port Sudan.

** The only thing that created any regret, was that the King appeared in a very simple undress uniform — all the other officers & officials being in full dress. They also said his clothes were atrociously badly made !!!

Jan 20th

Suakem.

Busy settling up with camel men — they are charging P.T. 10 per camel a day, which amounts to £146. Paid them off at the Bank — the manager said P.T. 6. was quite enough, as it looks as if we were being badly done. Got our rifles & cartridges from the Customs — the numbers, etc, had to be registered again. & I fished in the afternoon & caught 6 fish. Hers arrived today in the Government steamer, but we did not see him. I must get off till Tuesday. Heavy shower of rain in the morning.

Jan 21st.

Suakem.

Had my hair cut & cleaned rifles, etc. Hers came in in the morning — he had been Wilson at Port Sudan & was very busy about the result of our trip. He left for Port Sudan today. ** Said the King's visit to Port Sudan was quite a success & he & the Queen seemed very interested in the country. He says we can shoot four ibex. & I went out to the reef to fish but only got one though we lost several. Fly real still a nuisance.

Jan 22nd.

Suakem.

A desperate morning trying to do accounts — they are hopelessly muddled, as Wilson left us on the 9th & took his own camels — he also made several payments on his own & which he has left no record. & I went fishing but only got 3 fish. Message sent up from the station to say they will not take our cartridges tomorrow by train. Paid £4. for the dhow, as it had been waiting 10 days at Adak — & gave the captain P.T. 50 backsheesh — a cheap trip.

Water. (station.)

Bar 28.40.

Water. (well)

Bar = 27.40.

Jan 23rd

In camp. Ramobeama.

Got to the station at 9, but the train did not leave till 11. Very dusty. Changed at Vallom & got into the Khartoum train — Hayes-Sadler, brother of the late Governor of East Africa in it & gave us all the latest papers & some excellent cake & sherry. Got to Ramobeama about 3.p.m. & camped close to the station — rocky barren mountains all round — bitter the men had a cold wind. Brought on 8 men & our four boys. Very cold that night.

Jan 24th.

19th March. Dissabil.

As the new camels had to be brought to camp & all the loads re-allotted, we did not get off till 9. Had to take 42 camels altogether — it seems a tremendous lot, but the men have to carry a good deal of food for themselves & — they say — also for the camels. March flagelled to the railway & the dry bed of a stream, with low rocky hills on each side, for about two hours & then left it. Marching almost due W. The country is absolutely barren & chiefly composed of rocks & stones with a few bushes — the hills seem quite bare. At 11.30 we came upon a nala in which there was a little water, so we had to call a halt with them. He was living in skin tents & showed us a red coat given him by Kitchener, a medal he got fighting the dervishes & the medallion of the King which he got at Omdurman the other day. He has two wives altogether — a very courtly old gentleman — & we did not get to camp till 4. Then pitched. Very cold at night & put all the coats & blankets I had on my bed.

Water. (cool.)

Bar 27.20.

Water. (ice cold.)

Bar 27.30.

Jan 25th

20th march.

L. & I left camp at 7 — baggage camels at 8 — & walked on as usual. Went over a plain composed almost entirely of stones & then through some narrow stony kors eventually crossing a big open plain covered with rocks & stones with occasional strips of sand & bushes. Tried twice to stalk some gazelle, but could not get near them. Camped just over some hills at the end of the big plain by a pool of very green water at 3.30. From what the Sheiks said, it appears that they all knew of W.'s drinking habits & last year they say he attempted to beat his wife!!! A bright sun but quite cool all day — horrible going on rough stones.

Jan 26th

21st march.

E. end of Kor Amur.

Off fairly early & went up a stony kor — horrible going, as it was either loose stones or deep sand — & on to a big plain covered with black stones with a few bushes in the dry stream beds. Then through a narrow pass on to a very big plain composed entirely of black rocks with small hillocks scattered about — a most desolate & dismal country. We camped at a dry kor at 3.45 — We got to the place at 2.30, but it was very bad going for the baggage camels indeed. L. & I went up a small hill & saw 3 gazelle & a very fossil area? Marched W. & N.W. The black stones make the country look as if it was covered & coal & produce a most dismal effect — it is indeed a dismal country.

Bar. 27, 60.

One tower had the remains of what looked to be stairs inside of a dome on its top. They were only about 10 ft across inside.
Windows long & narrow & dome blocked up.
No sign of any entrance or doorway.

Pigeons nested.

Water (well.)

Bar 27, 90.

Jan 27th.
22nd March. Kor Hashai

Off fairly early & went to see three octagonal towers — two in ruins & the third without a top — on a sandy hill in the middle of the plain. They are said to be Roman graves & as they have no doors & only narrow windows, they probably are graves of some sort. They are made of stone & cement & there were bones in the floor of the two we could look into — probably carried by birds. Bones were also in the windows. Impossible to tell the height of the towers as they were built. Marched on over the slightly undulating plain — nothing but black stones — till we came to a Kor, down which we went to the end of the plain — badly mauled a gazelle with a d.b. 350 — Then went — W. more or less all day — through an interminable series of narrow stony nullahs, with rocky hills on each side — awfully hot. Lost the baggage camels at lunch, but found them afterwards & debouched into a big plain with lots of thorn bushes & camped at 4.15. Saw what was said to be a wild donkey — no doubt it was.

Jan 28th
23rd March. Kor Annul.

Left a warm night & off early. Marched across the stony plain to the hills at the N.W. end, where we cut the Kor Annul again. Went parallel to it — the hottest sun we have had yet — across a sandy stony plain with any amount of shrub & nullahs on it & no sign of any game at all. Stopped at 12 in the Kor, where there is a well & as that seemed to be the only water in the neighbourhood we camped there. Baggage camels in at 3. Very sandy & dusty.

Water (well.)

Bar. 28,10.

Jan 29th
24th March. Sarrarat.

Marched down the Kor Amur for about 2 hrs, then a strong E. wind sprang up & as the country got very sandy, a regular dust-storm began. It was so bad at times that one could hardly see 20 yds & was completely blinded by sand & dust. As we went on the Kor got broader & broader & the hills on each side lower & lower & a rough barked bush with fleshy leaves grew quite thickly. We got to Sarrarat — where there is a deep well — at 12,30 & had to wait & shelter in clouds of dust & sand till the baggage camels came in at 3, 30. Of course very thing in one's tent is thicker deep in dust & dirt. Got luckily the wind dropped at 6 & the dust-clouds decreased. Hit-a-gay-elle with a small rifle, but did not get it & Roland another with his telescopic sight. Hadn't shot so badly before in any of my trips. One of the most uncomfortable days I remember.
We have to get men from here — they say 40 at P.T. 10 a day-to beat-beginning for us — they never seem to kill sheep or ibex here, but always drink them.
Round them is rain water at-beginning, which is good news, as otherwise there is no water nearer than Tus-jilan, which is 1½ days march from it.
days 6 — Pennant shot-beginning bad year & got one sheep. Sat in tent, the hot weather & seems to have had an awfully bad time — 135° in his tent.
Parkin (Baxter?) was there about 2 years ago & they say got into sheep 69 in two days.
Bar them two, nobody else seems to have shot-beginning.

There is a plentiful supply of water at Ait Aggrim now from holes which have collected rain — these holes are said to be at the top.

Bar = 28, 30.

Water. (rain holes.)

Bar = 28, 20.

1 arial killed — 1 gazelle missed.

Jan 30th.

25th March. S. E. ends of Int-Legim.

Off early as everyone was keen to leave such a beastly camp — marched in a parallel to the Kor Amer & over a very flat sandy plain. A strong wind got up & the dust was very bad, but not so bad as yesterday. Gradually the country became more sandy with occasional outcrops of rock as we approached some low hills. Saw a good many ariel but they were as wild as hawks — & had two goes at them — a gazelle — but with no luck. Passed through some small rocky hills & got into a less sandy country with a good many rocky shallow valleys — consequently got much dust. Baggage camels in at 5. About 20 natives accompanied us for driving. Int-Legim seems a wretched hill — ~~a day & a half's march~~ round & about 4,000 ft — composed entirely of rocks & much cut up by nullahs.

Jan 31st.

26th March. N. E. end of Int-Legim.

Went out N.W. with a native & soon saw some gazelle — the buck of which I missed badly at 100 yds. Very disgusted with myself & saw an ariel on the stony flat at the foot of the hill — it was quite impossible to get near him on such ground, so had a go at about 800 yds & hit him on the head!!! Range = 13 min. Hinton & saw another but could not get near him & missed him at 400 yds. Went the rest of the morning trying to get near a herd of about 15, but did not get a shot. A. got down = 13 min. Very hot. Plain cut up by shallow nullahs & hills — a few bushes.

Water. (rain holes.)

It would be practically impossible to climb up these hills in the dark — most luckily for us the moon is about full & does not set till just before the sun appears.

Bar = 28, 30.

Water. (rain holes.)

Bar = 28, 20.

1 aviel killed.

Feb 1st.

In camp. N. E. end of Int-Aegrem.

Off at 3. a. m. & walked up the hill — luckily there was a moon as it was very rough going indeed in places & steep & very rocky. The moon set at 5 & we had to wait for an hour before we could see. Set at 6 took up our places — myself on the N.E. side just below the pinnacle on the top & S. just over the top. I had two old men on the look out for me & before the sun rose found it very chilly. The beaters started from the S.E. end of the hill & drove it N.W. I saw nothing, but my look out men saw two small steenbok & that seemed all that the beaters saw too. The drive was over at 8, 30 & we returned to camp. Very awfully hot afternoon. We are said to have 40 beaters, but I don't think we had so many. Had a magnificent view from the top to the N. S. & E. over an enormous sandy plain with occasional dark patches & rocks & many small isolated hills against which the mirage has driven the sand ^

Feb 2nd.

27 * march. N. W. end of Int-Aegrem.

Went N.E. with an old native after breakfast & soon saw a herd of 6. but they were in very open country & we could not get near them. Went on & saw two in a small plain — made several attempts in vain to get near them, but eventually got within 250 yds of what we thought was the buck lying down. Had a go & apparently missed as the animal did not move. Rolled it over with the second shot, but when the native went to kill it, it jumped up & ran away. The native ran after it & both vanished, but later I saw him coming towards me driving in front of him

This old man — he must be over 60 — can do without water for two days quite easily & they say used to eat a whole sheep at a sitting.
All his front teeth have gone — they say in a fight with a man, he bit him so hard in the arm, that he left four teeth in the bone.!!!

Water. (rain holes.)

Bar = 28, 30.

1 sheep missed.

Feb 2nd (continued.)

shot- I thought it was a sheep. However on closer inspection it turned out that he had caught up the wounded beast — it was hit through the stomach — & was driving it back to me!!! A wonderful pace I running especially for an old man. It turned out to be a female with horns of 11 ins. Saw nothing more & was back in camp by 3.15. Tomorrow we climb the W. side of Algiers.

Feb 3rd.

In camp. N. W. end of Int- Algiers.

Off at 4.a.m — luckily a good moon. But it was behind us & threw our shadows just when we wanted to step — & marched for 1½ hrs up the valley which divides the mountain. Had a staff & hurried climb as soon as it got light up the W. side & got into our positions — one on each side of the S.W. top at 6.30. The beaters started from camp & very soon two small sheep came within shot of me & then went back. When the beaters came in view a bigger sheep came slowly along, but I could not make out its head. However my gunbearer — the other native which me had posted to look down below — said "shoot", so I had two goes at it slowly moving towards me at about 80 yds & missed it each time!!! It went into a gully below me & I had another go with the same result & then had a misfire. It crossed over the top to L, I had two shots as it passed him & then got it in the head as it was vanishing. It turned out to be small female — horns = 15 ins — & unfortunately had a fawn, which the men killed. Coming back they found the carcase of a sheep killed by a leopard. Made out we climbed 1600 ft — 10° & Barometer = 100 ft.

Water. (rain holes.)

Bar: 28, 30.

The natives seem to know exactly when the sheep will come & the fires we see generally come when they are expected.

Water.

Bar: 28, 30.

xx. Today 4 men were placed below me as sticks to present-arms.

In places with plenty of proper food, camels need water drink for quite six months. Here, where there are very few bushes, they are watered every five days.

Feb 4th.

28th March. N.E. end of Int-Region

Very cold so called late & not off till 4, 20. a.m. West-S. along the valley which divides the hill & after a short wait till it got more or less light, had a stiff climb — very rough & stony — up to the shoulder between the two high peaks on the N.E. side. Got into our places about 6, 30 — a real gale blowing on the top at times almost blew one down & made it bitterly cold too till the sun came out. Only waited a short time before three sheep & then two single ones came down the hill in front of me & passed about 200 yds below me, but they were all small males. Ld saw four too & a big male was said to have passed below them. Back to camp at 11 & after lunch, moved camp to where we were on the 2nd. Climbed 1100 ft from camp & the descent was awful — nothing but loose stones which gave way at every step.

Feb 5th.

In camp. N.E. end of Int-Region.

Off at 4. a.m. — Ld a little earlier as he had longer to go & went up the hill to the W. side of the pinnacle. I was just below the cliff down which they expected the sheep to come — Ld was more to the W. & on the top. Got to my place at 6, after some bad scrambling amongst big boulders. Neither Ld nor I saw anything — the beat was the same as that on the 1st — nor did the men. It seems a hopeless job altogether — very hard work & very unremunerable & all for nothing.
Climbed just 2000 ft from camp — it took just 2 hrs.
Meant to shift camp but most of the camels had gone to water & were back too late. Water exhausted.

Water from Sarracat. (well.)

Bar = 28, 25.

266th

29th March. Between Aqiem & Jarrical.

Off at 3.a.m. on camels & went E. for an hour, then left the camels & had a long climb — 1500 ft — to about the E. end of the gorge which divides the hill. Got to our places at 6,45 & the Beaters drove the opposite side of the hill — the sheep being expected to come over the gorge to us. Four small sheep were seen by my men — two went forward towards A. & two went back. A. saw two sheep — one of which he thought was a good male, but his men said they were both females. Drive not over till 9,30 — they generally end about 8,30 — & we did not get back to the camels till nearly 12. Thought the camp was close to but found it was not & did not get to the Pir Amar — where it was — till 6. & then found that the camels had gone the wrong way. However they came in about 5, 30 & we just managed to get the tents up in a gale & wind before it got dark. A very hard day & it suits a very straight running kind for sheep — also a very expensive one.

I think there are very few sheep at Aqiem — I am sure the natives beat as well as they could & did all they could to let us get a sheep.

Only about 22 were seen by A. & myself & no doubt we several times saw the same ones. & not one was worth shooting.

The Beaters saw a few more, but very few — I think they honestly said what they had seen & one hardly was heard of big ones breaking back, etc, etc.

Today they said they saw 6 — one big one went back — they knew how to drive

& had to pay them P.T. 10. per day.

Bar = 28,25.

2 ariel ó mixed.

Bar = 28,25.

1 ariel ó mixed.

Feb 7th

In camp. Between Aqrim & Jerrarat.

A real good sleep & not off W. till after 7. Saw several arid in the Nor — also Gazelle — but could not get near them as there was hardly any cover at all. Eventually saw one in some long grass & after a lot of trouble got fairly close to him, but he heard me or saw me & bolted, then slipped behind some long grass & I had to shoot & missed him. Spent the rest of the morning trying to get near others but without success — eventually had a go at one at over 400 yds with no result. Af got a nice one — horns = 14 3/4 ins. Very hot indeed in the afternoon.

Feb 8th

Between Aqrim & Jerrarat.

In camp.

Went N. & saw several arid on the plain by the side of the Nor, but as usual could not get near them. Aried from a hill over the rough ground towards Aqrim but saw nothing & then returned to the Nor with a similar result. Went back towards the hills & unsuccessfully tried to approach those arid on the plain but they were much too wild. Saw a big lot in a side valley — 48 altogether — We "jumped" two other small ones when trying to approach the big lot & they moved on to a low range of hills. As soon as they vanished over them, We ran & hard as we could across the flat & up to the top of the hill from which we saw a small mob & several females about 200 yds away — the latter had fed out of range. I was very jumped, but had a go at the mob & missed again!!! Said belly fearing my eyes are going wrong as I have never shot like this before. Very hot & a lot of lightning to the E.

Walör. (abell.)

Ber 28. 20.

Ber = 28. 10.

1 gayelle° hit- Mal not- got.

Feb 9th
30th March. Farraral.

Went along the N. side of the Kor, but saw nothing for some time except two ariel which were put off by some gazelle. Went on towards the hills & saw the big lot I stalked yesterday. Again two gazelles jumped up & they went into a big open plain — am absolutely hopeless here — so left them. Went on & saw a single ariel which we followed but lost in some low sand hills. Suddenly came upon about 12 ariel in a hollow — they looked to have good heads, but they had picked us up & hesitated so they were a long way off & lost my chance as they at once went into the hopeless plain. Saw some more but nothing within shooting. Moved camp to Farraral. I. got a good ariel — horns = 16½ ins.

Feb 10th
31st March.

Four camels offed it towards the well about Farraral, so the baggage camels did not get off till 9. I & I set off did our usual walk over the sandy plain to the E. & Kor Amur & then got into low stony hills with small Kors dividing them. In the Kors was a fair quantity & very coarse grass, but hardly any game was to be seen. I had a long shot at a gazelle with I.'s rifle & hit it but he could not get it — I am getting quite used to missing everything now. But all the same it is d-d annoying & makes the loneliest trip I have ever made, even more lonely. Waited at midday for the baggage camels, but they did not reach us till 2.30. Jumped at 3.30. near some native tents in a wadi½ Kor.

Water. (well.) ~~about 2 miles N.~~

Bar = 27. 90.

Water. (well.)

Bar = 27. 60.

1 gallº mixed.

Feb 11th

32 miles marched.

Marched along narrow kors — most of them with a few thorn bushes scattered in them — between low hills covered with black stones — a melancholy & depressing country with no game at all to be seen except a few organised gazelle. Stopped at 11 at a well about 30 ft deep — from the way the ropes had cut into the stones, & the sides, it must have been very old. Baggage camels passed us about 12, 30 & when we, leaving the water camels to fill up at the well. Got to camp at 4, after a long wait for lunch as our camels had strayed.

Feb 12th

33 miles marched. N.W. end of Jebel Abadeh.

Marched across a broad plain fairly well covered with coarse bunches of grass & scattered thorn trees. I had a long shot with no result at some gazelle but later got close to two & after two short shots got one with a long one. He is dead in luck now as it turned out to take 10½ minutes hours. later on I had a go at one about 300 yds away & just missed him — of course he bolted at once & I could never get near him again. We are now under Jebel Abadeh & camped close to a well not very deep. Baggage camels in at 1, 30.
Jebel Abadeh looks very bare & rocky — no vegetation to be seen at all — it runs roughly N. & S. & is a good many miles long.
A few natives here fussy watering their sheep & camels. Said to be big ibex & a few sheep here.

Water. (Well.) – about 4 miles N.

Bar = 27, 15.

Bar = 27, 15.

2 gazelle♂ killed – one♂ hit – that not got.

Feb 13th.

34th March. E. side of Int. Abadab.

Marched E. down a narrow Kor amongst bare stony hills & then S. through a pass gradually ascending to the watershed & over a stony plain to another ordered with thorny bushes. No descent to speak of on to the plain — then turned S.W. over small rocky hills to the foot of Int. Abadab & camped in a small very Int. sandy Kor — the beginning of Kor Arak. Baggage camels in at 1. There was a shorter road over the hills direct- than the one we took, but it was said to be very bad for loaded camels.

Feb 14th.

In camp. E. side of Int. Abadab.

Ibs Beaters arrived last night — men had been sent out yesterday to collect what Arabs there are in the neighbourhood — so we did not go after ibex. Went S.E. with two natives over the low stony hills. Saw two small gayelle & then at the bottom of a Kor, what I thought was a good one. Hit him low down in the haunch & had a tremendous hunt after him — the men tracking extraordinarily well on very stony ground — & eventually got up to what I thought was the wounded one. Got him, but found it was not the one we were after. Heard a dog barking close to & went to see & found it had caught the wounded gayelle — a poor head. The others & I each had a go at another coming home — over 300 yds — & missed.

Gal = 27. 20.

Ger: 27. 20.

1 ibex ♂ killed.

Feb 15th

In camp. E. side of Jbel Abadab

Off at 4. a. m. a went N.W. — pitch dark till 5 when the moon rose in its last quarter & gave but little light — & stumbled up the kor over stones & pebbles & grass till we reached the foot of the hill. Then had a long stiff climb — badly rotted loose stones like lignite — & got up to our places at the top — 1400 ft — at 6, 30. We were both in a narrow kor with a steep high face in front — & we as usual after getting absolutely wet through with sweat, it was bitterly cold sitting on the top in a fresh wind till the sun reached us. The Beatie climbs the hill from S.E. to N.W. but he saw nothing, though, going to his place after leaving me, saw two ibex going towards the Beatie — one, he said, a very good one. Climb over by 7, 45 & back to camp at 10, 30. The Beatie said he saw many ibex, but they went wrong.

Feb 16th

In camp. E. side of Jbel Abadab.

Off at 2, 40. a. m. each with a lantern & marched for about 2 hrs S. down a kor turning into the hills. Then a stiff climb to the top — 1900 ft — & got to our places at 6.40. Beatie soon close — & saw a female & lamb — & two Shick could not make out — a long way about me on a the high peninsula. Heard 2 shot — twice — 35½ min. & a miss — & then was hurriedly moved from my place up to the peninsula as heard a Shick go over very steep rough ground. Suddenly the Beatie in front got violently excited & ran on — & after him, got to him absolutely & completely blown & pumped — had to load my rifle — & then an ibex appeared just below me

Bar = 27,20.

1 gegelle ᵇ kil. blat not gst.

Feb 16th (continued.)

& very fast me & away. Had three hurried shots at him — was too blown to hit a horse. Luckily got him just below the kneecap into the body. He passed d. Was had fair long shots at him & missed. Followed on & found him very sick leaning against a bush & finished him. Horns only 32 ins. A very tiring back to camp. Which we reached at 12 — very hot & tired after 9½ hrs. absence.

The game is by no means worth the candle — very early rising & very hard work for about 1 hrs shot. The idea I got was evidently riding from the beaters & had seen d. too, so lay close till the former were nearly up to them. Now my nature tumbled to this, in a mystery as he could not see him after he passed the pinnacle.

Feb 17th

35th march.

A good sleep & not off till late. Marched E. over a plain composed chiefly of small black stones with occasional patches of sand with low thorn bushes scattered about — a monotonous desolate country. Had a long shot at a gazelle & hit him, but after a protracted chase, had to leave him — saw several others, but nothing worth shooting. Got to camp at 4 — the same time as the baggage camels. Came to the Berber — Port Sudan telegraph about 3 & followed it.

Approaching a high range of hills.

Bar = 2 b. 80. = 3200 ft.

1 goyelle killed.

Water. (well.)

Bar = 2 b. 40.

Water. (pool.)

Bar = 27, 50. = 2500 ft.

Feb 18th.

36th march. Kor Odrus.

Marched E. to the hills which border the plain over the usual stony country with sandy patches & scattered thorn bushes in places, to a wide dish pass through two hills. Halted at a well about 11 & waited till the baggage camels came up & were watered — a long job. Then went on through the pass & down into a big plain with high hills all round in the distance. Got a gazelle with d.b. telescopic sight. at 289 yds. A good head = 10 3/4 ins. Got to camp at 6. Very much colder. Clouds on the horizon to the E. & quite low down on some of the hills early this morning — they say it means rain at Buaken !!!

Feb 19th.

37th March. Dessabil

Off at 7, but as my camel had strayed, we had to wait till 10, 30, before our camels caught up. Marched N.E. to the end of the plain & then through a ~~pass~~ gorge to Dessabil. Baggage camels not in till 4.

Feb 20th.

38th March. Akareriba.

Off late & marched N.E. down the Kor & then N. up a narrow gorge & camped within easy reach of Mt. Akeribba, which looks very high & steep. Very cold early & not decently warm till 11 o'clock. Saw a few gazelle but all females & young ones. Hear a man is shooting ibex to the N. of us & is going to begin later — hope he will do better than we did.

Ber = 27,60.

Ber = 27,50.

Feb 21st.

In camp. Akereiba.

Off at 3. a. m. with lanterns — very cold & blowing a gale of wind — & went or rather stumbled along the dry bed of a stream scattered with boulders due E. Passed to another watershed & walked till 5.30. Then we had the usual halt till it got light. Had a short steep climb over loose shale to my place — 1400 ft above camp — about half way up the hill & overlooking a gully running down it. Saw three females — & saw a male in the distance. The beaters had dogs & coming back to camp two of them put up a small male in a kor & after a long & quite exciting chase up & down very steep cliffs. Shot as they caught it — it was wonderful how the men went along apparently clear slopes — the dogs clearly keep about it & evidently were used to the game.

Feb 22nd.

In camp. Akereiba.

Off at 3. a. m. — not so cold & windy as yesterday & marched W. & then N. for 3 solid hours — took lanterns again & our camels, but the ground was too rough to ride them in the dark. Had a short stiff climb — 1400 ft above camp — & got to my place at 6.30. Only saw 3 females — & saw about 16 — chiefly females but a few small males amongst them! Rode camels back to camp, which we reached at 11.

This driving is the rottenest game I have ever played at & the most uncomfortable in every way — very early rising & a lot of walking all for nothing.

Water. /stream from hill/

Bar = 28,50. = 1400 fl.

1 gazelle ♂ killed.

Bar = 28,55. = 1400 fl.

1 ibex ♂ killed.

Feb 23rd

39th march 3 miles N. Kambosama.

Off at 7.15 & marched down to the big Kor till we hit the railway — then went up it for a time till we saw a gerelle asleep. Got him at 150 yds lying down but only a moderate head. Came back towards Kambosama & stalked innumerable gerelle without getting a shot — they are as wild as hawks. Crossed the railway & turned E. & then N. up a Kor & camped about 3 miles away. C. had a drink on his own & left camp at 4, but saw absolutely nothing — he did not think it till about 6. last night, so much trouble in collecting the boxes who had been paid off in the afternoon & had departed home. Cloudy all day.

Feb 24th

Our camp. 3 miles N. Kambosama.

Off at 4.a.m. & went along the Kor N. & then turned up a gorge E.W. As soon as it got light, had a very stiff climb indeed in one place above a deep gorge running E. & W. — about 700 ft above camp — with a pinnacle to the W. Saw three small males on the left, then about 12 females & young ones & finally about 4 females & two males came down the gorge. The two males stopped about 800 yds away & C. had two shots at the biggest & hit him each time & he fell down. A very moderate head 31 ins. Saw another small male which got into a deep gorge & was stoned by all the men — eventually he got out & came towards me & went back through the boxes. C. saw nothing at all. Quite warm & not cold even on the top of the hills. Back to camp at 8 — the worst of this is that there is nothing to do for the rest of the day except sleep & that I can't do in the daytime.

Bar = 28,20. = 1800 ft.

1 gayelle° killed.

Bar = 28, 85. = 16,00 ft.

Feb 25th.

40th march. N. of Kamobrama.

Off at 7 a marched N. till we cut the railway, crossed it & went W. — the narrow for widening out into a plain. Saw several gazelle & C. got one after three shots. Later saw a good male with three others climbing a small hill. I had a very long shot at him with the 300 yds sight up & shot just over him — pulled down & got him. But some how he must have changed places with a smaller buck unseen by me, anyhow its horns only went 8½ ins. Turned back the way we came but went due E. & reached camp at 12. in a wild narrow gorge with rocky hills all round.

Feb 26th.

In camp. N. of Kamobrama.

Off at 4, 40. a. m & went E. up a very rocky bed of a stream. Had a short very steep climb to my place — 200 ft above camp & one side of a narrow gorge with a pass above over the top of the hill. A lot of ibex — I should think over 25 altogether — came close to me just the other side of the narrow gorge & within 70 yds of me, but none were worth shooting — they were mostly ♀, but there were about 7 ♂ — all I should say under 30 inches. C. saw the same. Coming down the men came across several ♀ & had exciting chases after them, but they all got away. Back to camp at 8, 45. Bad go of lumbago & sore throat — chill & cough.

This ends the ibex & sheep hunting & I must say I am very glad indeed — it is very hard work & that hard work is very badly rewarded indeed — in 11 drives I have had 3 shots & one was at a ♀ sheep by mistake.

Water. (from station).

Gas = 28,40. = 16,00 ft.

Feb 27th

41st March

Hamobaana Station.

Off at 7. — d. & I for the first time without a guide to follow what seemed an absolutely straight line to the place where we each shot a gazelle on the 25th. However we managed to go wrong — I soon had my doubts that D. persisted we were right — as usual — & we wandered & eventually found ourselves at Woo station — miles to the N. of Hamobaana. I could'nt get a guide so had to stick to the railway, which makes an enormous bend & goes miles out of the straight. We marched on till nearly 12. when our camels caught us up — having in a wonderful way somehow tracked us. D. got a gazelle with a very long shot after missing two easy ones — his luck is great: I a camp at 2. after what D. would call "an interesting experience", but what I should call a d-d stupid one. Shocked.

Thus ends the most unpleasant & unsuccessful expedition I have so far made.
The great mistake was going to the Kudu country when the rains — unknown to us — were on. No doubt there are kudu in those hills but to get a good one is quite another matter. The expedition to Algiers after Barbary sheep was rather a forlorn hope — we had only one hill to depend upon & if that failed — as it did — we were done.
The best part of the trip was a dead failure through in places we saw a lot of them — Waterbuck — but none worth shooting. D. by a long shot at an animal he could hardly see, got a fine one.
I shot so badly at first that I did'nt deserve to get a good one — D's luck came in again as, shooting as for meat, it turned out to be quite a good one.

Bar = 30. 10. (sea level.)

Feb 28th

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Up early as the railway people wanted our baggage at the station 1½ hrs before the train started. Left at 8,30 a.m. — Hayes-Sadler in the train — & got to Port Sudan about 10,15. The dhow boat left this afternoon. Went to Arengalo, the Bank & the Government offices. Here has gone to Suakim, but saw Moss. Hotel nearly finished & very comfortable — only four people in it besides ourselves. Hayes-Sadler came in after dinner.

Feb 29th.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

A busy morning with Moss & paying off the camel men — their acc[t] came to no less than £226, but we could not make it any less — 38 days. The Italian authorities have sent back the money we paid for our game licences for Eritrea, which is very kind of them. A cool N. wind & by no means hot. Went fishing for bonito just outside the end of the quay. Got bait with a little sardine & the men keep throwing handfuls of little sardines as far as they can & when they see a bonito make a boil in the water, they throw ones' bait — they have the line already coiled in their hands — towards the place. They can throw an amazingly long distance. Hooked two but they both eventually broke me through I was using treble gut — one had to stop them when they had taken out about 100 yds of line, which they did very quickly indeed.

Sent to Rowland Ward by Gellatly, Hankey & Co—

2 ibex ♂♂ heads & headskins.
2 isabella ♂♂ " " " — 1 dorcas ♀
2 arieli ♂♀ " " " .
1 balloon ♂ " " " .

March 1st.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Paid off cook & cooks' boy, then went to Gellatly Hankey & arranged about sending our rifles, etc, etc home & then to Lorengato to see about our heads being packed up & our surplus stores — a busy morning. Went out fishing in the afternoon & got hold of a fish with the very first cast & after a long struggle, got him — a sort of mackerel to look at but only weighing about 10 lbs. These fish are extraordinarily strong for their size. Fished with a wire trace — no doubt they bite through gut.

March 2nd

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Our camp equipment sold yesterday by auction made only £19. The two tents fetched £3. & £2. each!!! Went fishing in the afternoon but caught nothing — D. got a small bonito thing?! Later — Harry got one of quite 20 lbs. & it took him nearly half an hour to land. Two steamers at the quay today — there seems to be a good trade.

March 3rd.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

Blowing very hard from the N. & cloudy — dust bad. Went to Lorengato's & tried to settle up with him. But he had not the account ready. A busy afternoon trying to do accounts — I make out Watson owes me £13-12-0 — three people — one of whom was only out for a month — makes it very complicated. D. went fishing & got broke several times. Dined with Deakin — the Eastern Cable man. He has a very nice house & gets an excellent dinner — Bates of G.N. & Co. was there too. My ear very bad now.

Wages per month in £E.

Mohammed Ahmed	my boy	5.
Mohammed Mousa	do "	4.
Ahmed Yakir	do "	4.
Ahmed Ali	cook	6.
Khalil Hassan	cook's boy	2.

Camels cost P.T. 10. per day — men included.
Sheikh Ali's wages = P.T. 20. per day — he did very little to earn them too.

March 4th.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

A dull cloudy morning & quite cold. Settled up with Gellatly & Hankey say the "Gaika" will be a day late & will not leave here before Wednesday evening. Settled up with the Bank & Consulate — the latter charges for 6 wooden cases — tins tinned — only come to P.T. 260. — Very different to the charges in B.E.A. Went to tea with Atkinson — the Bank Manager — & afterwards he took us to see a very good lion head belonging to Draper — 42½ ins — & a very nice Rudu head belonging to Drury. Report the "Gaika" is two days late. Paid off my boy — Mohammed Ahmed.

March 5th.

Hotel. Port Sudan.

A good many people came from Khartoum by train today for tomorrow's boat. Our boy left this morning — Ismi was a very good one — always willing & cheerful. D'o — a West coast boy — with proper treatment — would be a good one. W'o & did not like — ditto the cook, though he cooked fairly well as a rule. Settled up with Gellatly Hankey & Co. Went out fishing about 2.30 & had three fish on almost at once with D's little rod — 100 yds of line. Two ran out all the line & broke me before the boat could be moved & the hook came away from the other. Had one or two more bites, but did not hook another. Haig-Thomas came here yesterday — he got a 37 ins. lion & talking out the natives did not like him not employing them as beaters & sent men out early to find the lion off!!!

The "Jaiko" is a Ihum-Jattle boat.

March 6th.

S.S. "Gaika" Port Sudan.

Busy packing all the morning. The "Gaika" visits ship to the "Garoon" & just as uncomfortable — got in at 1. Went aboard about 4. p.m. & found I had a wretchedly small inside cabin as last — an oven & I think the smallest double cabin I have ever seen. Mostly South Africans on board — the Governor of B.E.A. & Mother the only people I know — the S.A.'s seem a noisy lot — 7 people. Moved at the docked & came on board about 10. Left about 12.30.

March 7th.

S.S. "Gaika". Red Sea.

Run = 145.

Strong N. Wind but the ship very steady. Quite cool. Had a long talk with Gilmour'd about B.E.A.

March 8th

S.S. "Gaika". Red Sea.

Run = 258.

Strong N. Wind & almost cold on deck unless one gets out of the wind & in the sun.

Land visible about 5. p.m. on port bow also what looked to be a Italian gunboat.

Wind died down towards evening & it got much smoother & not so cold ~~[illegible]~~.

Parkinson from Lincolnshire on board — also Capt. Uge & Thomas, who worked four years for Sandbridge.

March 9th. S.S. "Gaika". Suez Canal.

Run = 280.

Very cold N. wind gradually dropping as we neared the end of the Red Sea. Got to Suez about 3.30. p.m. & had the usual medical inspection — lady doctor. Went into the canal about 6.30. Very cold indeed. News about the coal strike seems very bad.

March 10th. S.S. "Gaika". Mediterranean.

Went on well through the night — only tying up once when unfortunately the awning across the canal & grounded. However it did not take long to pull her off. Got to Port Said at 9.30. a.m. — the quickest passage through the canal yet made. Landed & bought some cigarettes, etc, etc. Off at 5.40. p.m. Turned quite cold on shore, though the thermometer in the shade was 65°. Sea smooth outside but — a very cold wind. Transport "Rohilla" left 5.

March 11th. S.S. "Gaika". Mediterranean.

Run = 205.

A lovely sunny morning & not too cold till the sun set. A long steady spell early on but it got quite smooth towards evening. Boat said to be doing 13 knots but I doubt it, as they say we shan't get to Naples till Thursday night.

March 12th. S.S. "Gaika". Mediterranean.

Run = 289.

A lovely day — sea quite smooth & not so cold. Up late early — the tops of the hills covered with snow & looking very pretty.

March 13th. S.S. "Gaika". Mediterranean.

Run = 295.

Sea quite smooth & a fine morning. Sat kept running into patches of fog. However we did not slow down & left it behind us & it cleared up by midday. Got into the Straits about 8. p.m. & it began to blow rather hard. Won £4. at poker — only time I have played this voyage.

March 14th. S.S. "Gaika". Naples.

Run = 281.

Smooth but a cold wind. Sighted land early & got close in about 1, but did not get to Naples — at least tied up in the harbour — till 4. p.m. Did not go ashore as I think Naples inside is a beastly place though very fine when seen from a distance. Was supposed to leave at 10. But had a lot of fruit to get on board & it was after midnight when we got outside the harbour. Shall be two days late at Marseilles now.

March 15th

S. S. "Gaika" Mediterranean.

Run = 200.

A beautiful morning with a perfectly smooth sea. 200 miles in 12 hrs is a wonderful run for the boat, as far as the voyage, she has never done 300 miles in 24 hrs.

March 16th.

Blowing strong from the N. but we are under shelter of the land, so it does not matter. Passed the new oil steamer without a funnel. Got to Marseilles at 3.30. & after a long wait, were allowed to land. dined at the Terminus & left at 7.40. in a cabin-lit — very uncomfortable with three persons in it & very cold indeed.

March 17th

Berkeley Hotel London.

Got to Paris at 8 — very punctual — left at 9.50 & got to Calais at 1. I read a little & made at first a fine "Channel" which was absolutely calm. Nearing the coast, it began to blow very hard & we had a very bad time indeed. Just got in about ½ hour late. Passed the sailing ship which sank the P. & O. boat "Ocean" — her bows absolutely smashed. Got to town at about 6. S. Dimmis dined with me — very nice getting to civilization

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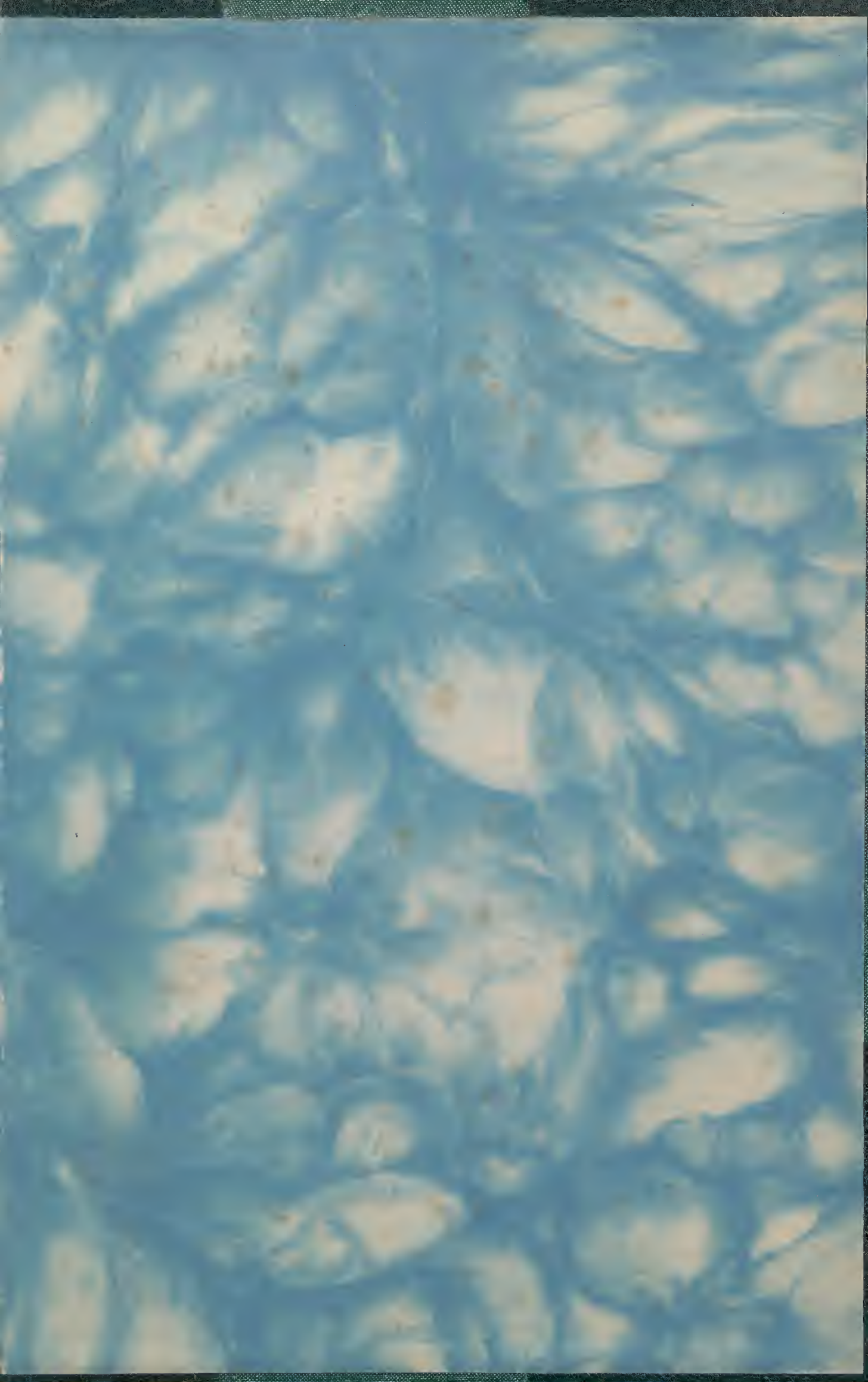

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